

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An electronic mail transmitting apparatus for transmitting document data via electronic mail, said electronic mail transmitting apparatus comprising:

an application program for producing document data, said application program having a function to send a print instruction to print the document data; and

a printer driver activated by the print instruction of said application program, said printer driver having a function to convert the document data  
15 provided by said application program into a predetermined data format and a function to transmit the converted document data via electronic mail.

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2. The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said printer driver transmits the converted document data by attaching to an  
25 electronic mail as an attachment file.

3. The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a bit-map image format.

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4. The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a document reader software format.

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5. The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a text format.

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6. The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined data format is a page description language (PDL) format.

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10. A method for transmitting document data prepared by an application program via electronic mail, the method comprising the steps of:

5 transferring the document data to a printer driver by sending from said application program a print instruction for printing the document data;

converting the document data into a predetermined data format by said printer driver; and

10 transmitting the converted document data via electronic mail by an electronic mail transmitting function provided to said printer driver.

15 11. A processor readable medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform a function of a printer driver, comprising:

20 first program code means for designating document data to be transmitted via electronic mail, the document data being provided to said printer driver in accordance with a print instruction;


second program code means for converting the document data into a predetermined data format; and

25 third program code means for transmitting the converted document data via electronic mail.

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12. The processor readable medium as claimed  
in claim 11, wherein said second program code means  
includes program code means for selecting said  
predetermined data format from among a plurality of data  
5 formats.

10  13. The processor readable medium as claimed  
in claim 11, wherein said third program code means  
includes program code means for inputting an electronic  
mail address of a remote party to which the document  
data is sent via electronic mail.

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